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The following statements are said to have been made by a Lebanese government official:

1. King Abdallah of Trans-Jordan has won the head of the Arab Palestine Committee, Jamal Husayni, cousin of the Grand Mufti, over to a British-sponsored Greater Syria by offering him the presidency of the Council of Greater Syria, to include Palestine, Lebanon, Trans-Jordan, Syria and Iraq.
2. The Trans-Jordan - British military alliance, as well as secret military clauses in the Trans-Jordan - Turkish amity pact, will automatically be extended to Greater Syria.
3. A Syrian minority favorable to the Greater Syria plan is said to be financed by General Edward L. Spears.
4. After an interview with Stalin, the Lebanese envoy to Moscow, Khalil Taqi-al-Din, advised his government not to count on Soviet support despite earlier promises of Daniel Solod, the Soviet envoy to Beirut. It is said that the Lebanese leaders suspect a British-Soviet deal at their expense.

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